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| Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>22 July 2005</u> . This action is FINAL . 2b) ☐ This action is non-final. Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. | | | | | | |
| Disposition of Claims | | | | | | |
| 4) Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-29 is/are pending in the a 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-29 is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or Application Papers 9) The specification is objected to by the Examine 10) The drawing(s) filed on 07/07/2003 is/are: a) Applicant may not request that any objection to the Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correct 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examine | wn from consideration. r election requirement. r. accepted or b) objected to by drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See ion is required if the drawing(s) is obj | e 37 CFR 1.85(a). ected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). | | | | |
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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on July 22, 2005.
 Claims 1-11 and 13-29 are now pending in the present application.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
- 4. Claims 1-11, 13-17 and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gallant, U.S. Patent Number 6,259,782 (hereinafter Gallant) and further in view of Mohammed, U.S. Patent Number 6,922,559 (hereinafter Mohammed).

Regarding claim 1, Gallant teaches a system for providing a single telephone number for use with a digital cordless handset and with a second handset (see col. 3, lines 38-51, col. 5, lines 21-45 and Fig. 2 [i.e. Gallant's teaching of a one-number communications system for the purpose of allowing a subscriber to receive calls to a designated wireless or wireline communications terminal through the use of a single assigned telephone number meets the limitation of "a single telephone number for use with a digital cordless handset and with a second handset"]), the system comprising: a

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wireless access point wired to a wired data network (see col. 6, lines 35-40 and Fig. 2; where a wireless switch 130 for communicating with subscriber terminals 110 and wired to data signaling network 160 is shown), and a telecommunications network operative to provide telecommunications services in conjunction with the second handset operative for use with the telecommunications network (see col. 5, lines 46-58, col. 6, lines 6-14 and Fig. 2; where a wireline switch 120 for connecting subscriber terminals, 104, 106 & 102 and connected to a public switched telephone network 140 and constituting a telecommunications network are shown); wherein the digital cordless handset and the second handset operative for use with the telecommunications network are assigned a single telephone number (see col. 6, line 56 through col. 7, line13).

Gallant fails to explicitly teach a wireless access point operative to communicate with the digital cordless handset via an unregulated wireless connection to provide wireless access to the wired data network for the digital cordless handset.

Mohammed, however, teaches a system, wherein an unlicensed base station subsequently provides service to a handset using unlicensed, free spectrum (e.g., spectrum around 2.4 GHz or 5 GHz) and when a subscriber of the handset is within range of the unlicensed base station, the subscriber enjoys low cost, high speed and high quality voice and data services (see col. 2, lines 19-30). Mohammed further teaches, in addition, the subscriber enjoys extended service range coverage since the handset can receive services deep within a building, since this type of service range is not reliably provided by a licensed wireless system (see col. 2, lines 25-31).

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It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Gallant with Mohammed, to include a wireless access point operative to communicate with the digital cordless handset via an unregulated wireless connection to provide wireless access to the wired data network for the digital cordless handset, in order for a subscriber to enjoy low cost, high speed and high quality voice and data services in addition to enjoying an extended service range coverage since the handset can receive services deep within a building.

Regarding claim 2, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 1. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein a call directed toward the single telephone number is operative to generate a ring tone at the digital cordless handset and at the second handset for use with the telecommunications network (see col. 3, lines 46-51 and col. 7, lines 11-13 [i.e. Gallant inherently teaches a call directed toward the single telephone number is operative to generate a ring tone at the digital cordless handset and at the second handset for use with the telecommunications network, since Gallant teaches the system allows a caller to call a single telephone number for a particular subscriber which can terminate at several different devices or locations and also teaches a nearly parallel call completion to both the wireless terminal and the wireline terminal, thus increasing the probability of the call being completed to the subscriber]).

Regarding claim 3, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 2. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein the ring tone is generated

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substantially simultaneously at the digital cordless handset and the second handset (see col. 3, lines 46-51, col. 7, lines 11-13 and col. 7, lines 23-25).

Regarding claim 4, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 1. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein the telecommunications network comprises a public switched telephone network (see col. 6, lines 6-14 and Fig. 2; where a public switched telephone network 140 is shown).

Regarding claim 5, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 4. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein the second handset comprises at least one wired handset connected to the public switched telephone network (see col. 5, lines 46-58, col. 6, lines 6-14 and Fig. 2; where a wireline switch 120 for connecting wireline terminals, 104, 106 & 102 and connected to a public switched telephone network 140 are shown).

Regarding claim 6, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 1. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein the telecommunications network comprises a wireless telecommunications network operative to provide wireless telecommunications on regulated wireless communications frequencies (see col. 6, lines 35-40 and Fig. 2; where a wireless switch 130 for communicating with subscriber wireless terminals 110 and wired to data signaling network 160 constituting a wireless telecommunications network is shown).

Regarding claim 7, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 6. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein the second handset comprises a wireless device operative to communicate with the wireless telecommunications

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network via the regulated wireless communications frequencies (see col. 5, lines 30-33, col. 5, lines 42-44 and Fig. 2; where one or more subscriber wireless terminals 110 are shown communicating wirelessly through wireless switch 130).

Regarding claim 8, Gallant teaches a method for providing a single telephone number for use with a plurality of handsets (see col. 3, lines 38-51), the method comprising: assigning a single telephone number to a first handset configured for use with a first telecommunications network, wherein the first telecommunication network comprises one or more wireless access points wired to a wired data network (see col. 6, lines 35-40 and Fig. 2; where a wireless switch 130 for communicating with subscriber terminals 110 and wired to data signaling network 160 is shown); assigning the single telephone number to a second handset configured for use with a second telecommunications network (see col. 6, line 56 through col. 7, line13 and Fig. 2; where a wireless switch 130 and wireline switch 120 wired to data signaling network 160 for communicating with wireless and wireline subscriber terminals constitute first and second telecommunications networks).

Gallant fails to explicitly teach providing wireless access via the wireless access points to the wired data network for the first handset over an unregulated wireless connection.

Mohammed, however, teaches a system, wherein an unlicensed base station subsequently provides service to a handset using unlicensed, free spectrum (e.g., spectrum around 2.4 GHz or 5 GHz) and when a subscriber of the handset is within range of the unlicensed base station, the subscriber enjoys low cost, high speed and

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high quality voice and data services (see col. 2, lines 19-30). Mohammed further teaches, in addition, the subscriber enjoys extended service range coverage since the handset can receive services deep within a building, since this type of service range is not reliably provided by a licensed wireless system (see col. 2, lines 25-31).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Gallant with Mohammed, to include a method of providing wireless access via the wireless access points to the wired data network for the first handset over an unregulated wireless connection, in order for a subscriber to enjoy low cost, high speed and high quality voice and data services in addition to enjoying an extended service range coverage since the handset can receive services deep within a building.

Regarding claim 9, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 8. Gallant further teaches a method, detecting an incoming communication from a calling party to the single telephone number (see col. 9, lines 2-4 and Figures 5 & 6); and in response to detection of the incoming communication, placing outgoing communications to the first handset and the second handset (see col. 9, lines 2-26 and Figures 5 & 6).

Regarding claim 10, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 9. Gallant further teaches a method, connecting the incoming communication to the first handset to be answered of either the first handset or the second handset (see col. 7, lines 14-25 and col. 9, lines 28-44).

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Regarding claim 13, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 8. Gallant further teaches a method, wherein the first handset comprises a digital cordless handset for communicating with the one or more wireless access points via the unregulated wireless connection (see col. 5, lines 30-33, col. 5, lines 42-44 and Fig. 2; where one or more subscriber wireless terminals 110 are shown communicating wirelessly through wireless switch 130).

Regarding claim 14, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 8. Gallant further teaches a method, wherein the second network comprises a wireless network operative to provide wireless telecommunications on regulated wireless communications frequencies (see col. 6, lines 35-40 and Fig. 2; where a wireless switch 130 for communicating with subscriber wireless terminals 110 and wired to data signaling network 160 constituting a wireless network is shown).

Regarding claim 15, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 14. Gallant further teaches a method, wherein the second handset comprises a wireless device operative to communicate with the wireless network via the regulated wireless communications frequencies (see col. 5, lines 30-33, col. 5, lines 42-44 and Fig. 2; where one or more subscriber wireless terminals 110 are shown communicating wirelessly through wireless switch 130).

Regarding claim 16, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 8. Gallant further teaches a method, wherein the second network comprises a public switched telephone network (see col. 6, lines 6-14 and Fig. 2; where a public switched telephone network 140 is shown).

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Regarding claim 17, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 16. Gallant further teaches a method, wherein the second handset comprises a wired handset connected to the public switched telephone network (see col. 5, lines 46-58, col. 6, lines 6-14 and Fig. 2; where a wireline switch 120 for connecting wireline terminals, 104, 106 & 102 and connected to a public switched telephone network 140 are shown).

Regarding claim 27, Gallant teaches a system for providing a single telephone number for use with a digital cordless handset and with a second handset (see col. 3, lines 38-51, col. 5, lines 21-45 and Fig. 2 [i.e. Gallant's teaching of a one-number communications system for the purpose of allowing a subscriber to receive calls to a designated wireless or wireline communications terminal through the use of a single assigned telephone number meets the limitation of "a single telephone number for use with a digital cordless handset and with a second handset"]), the system comprising: means operative to receive an incoming call directed to a telephone number, wherein the telephone number is assigned to the digital cordless handset and second handset (see col. 9, lines 2-4 and Figures 5 & 6); means operative to route the incoming call to the digital cordless handset; and means operative to route the incoming call to the second handset, wherein the second handset communicates with a telecommunication network (see col. 7, lines 14-25, col. 9, lines 2-44 and Figures 5 & 6).

Gallant fails to explicitly teach the digital cordless handset communicates via an unregulated wireless connection with a wireless access point wired to a wired data network for wireless access to the wired data network.

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Mohammed, however, teaches a system, wherein an unlicensed base station subsequently provides service to a handset using unlicensed, free spectrum (e.g., spectrum around 2.4 GHz or 5 GHz) and when a subscriber of the handset is within range of the unlicensed base station, the subscriber enjoys low cost, high speed and high quality voice and data services (see col. 2, lines 19-30). Mohammed further teaches, in addition, the subscriber enjoys extended service range coverage since the handset can receive services deep within a building, since this type of service range is not reliably provided by a licensed wireless system (see col. 2, lines 25-31).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Gallant with Mohammed, to include a system, wherein the digital cordless handset communicates via an unregulated wireless connection with a wireless access point wired to a wired data network for wireless access to the wired data network, in order for a subscriber to enjoy low cost, high speed and high quality voice and data services in addition to enjoying an extended service range coverage since the handset can receive services deep within a building.

Regarding claim 28, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claim 27. Gallant further teaches a system, further comprising means operative to place outgoing calls to the digital cordless handset and the second handset, in response to receiving the incoming call directed to the telephone number (see col. 9, lines 2-4, col. 9, lines 2-26 and Figures 5 & 6); and means operative to connect the incoming call to the first handset to be answered of either the digital cordless handset or the second handset (see col. 7, lines 14-25 and col. 9, lines 28-44).

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Regarding claims 11 and 29, Gallant in view of Mohammed teaches all the limitations of claims 10 and 27. Gallant further teaches a method, dropping each of the outgoing communications other than the outgoing communication associated with the first handset to be answered (see col. 7, lines 14-26 and col. 9, lines 11-44).

5. Claims 18-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gallant, U.S. Patent Number 6,259,782 (hereinafter Gallant) and Mohammed, U.S. Patent Number 6,922,559 (hereinafter Mohammed) and further in view of Kung et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,373,817 (hereinafter Kung)

Regarding claim 18, Gallant teaches a system for providing a single telephone number for use with a plurality of handsets (see col. 3, lines 38-51 and Fig. 2; where a network architecture for providing one number communications service to wireline and wireless subscribers is shown), the system comprising: a first network, a second network device operative to provide a communications link to one or more wired network devices over a local wired connection (see col. 6, line 56 through col. 7, line13 and Fig. 2; where a wireless switch 130 and wireline switch 120 wired to data signaling network 160 for communicating with wireless and wireline subscriber terminals constitute first and second telecommunications networks); and a second network operative to provide telecommunications services in conjunction with one or more handsets operative for use with the second network (see col. 5, lines 46-58, col. 6, lines 6-14 and fig. 2; where a wireline switch 120 for connecting wireline terminals, 104, 106 & 102 and connected to a public switched telephone network 140 is shown), wherein at

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least one of the one or more digital cordless handsets and at least one of the one or more handsets operative for use with the second network are assigned a single telephone number (see col. 6, line 56 through col. 7, line13).

Gallant fails to explicitly teach a wireless access point operative to provide wireless access to the wired data network over an unregulated wireless connection; one or more digital cordless handsets operative to communicate with the wireless access point via the unregulated wireless connection for wireless access to the wired data network.

Mohammed, however, teaches a system, wherein an unlicensed base station subsequently provides service to a handset using unlicensed, free spectrum (e.g., spectrum around 2.4 GHz or 5 GHz) and when a subscriber of the handset is within range of the unlicensed base station, the subscriber enjoys low cost, high speed and high quality voice and data services (see col. 2, lines 19-30). Mohammed further teaches, in addition, the subscriber enjoys extended service range coverage since the handset can receive services deep within a building, since this type of service range is not reliably provided by a licensed wireless system (see col. 2, lines 25-31).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Gallant with Mohammed, to include a wireless access point operative to provide wireless access to the wired data network over an unregulated wireless connection; one or more digital cordless handsets operative to communicate with the wireless access point via the unregulated wireless connection for wireless access to the wired data network, in order for a subscriber to enjoy low cost, high speed

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and high quality voice and data services in addition to enjoying an extended service range coverage since the handset can receive services deep within a building.

The combination of Gallant and Mohammed fails to explicitly teach a broadband residential gateway comprising a first network device operative to communicate with a wired data network.

Kung, however, teaches a system comprising a broadband residential gateway configured to provide one or more integrated communication interfaces to other devices within the customer premise (business, residence, government or other locations), such as televisions (TV), personal computers (PC), plain old telephone system (POTS), video phones and IP enabled phones (see col. 4, lines 23-60 and Fig. 3; where a broadband residential gateway 300 including a telephone 308, IP enabled phone 316 are shown). According to Kung, when the broadband residential gateway is used in a business or governmental environment, it can function as a private branch exchange or key type telephone system (see col. 4, lines 57-60) and may be configured to provide the intelligence needed to allow each of the customer premises equipment devices to operate within the broadband network, for example, analog voice may be converted to digital data and packetized for transmission in an appropriate output protocol such as an Internet protocol (see col. 5, lines 5-11).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the system of Kung with the system of Gallant and Mohammed to include a broadband residential gateway comprising a first network device operative to communicate with a wired data network, in order to route internet

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broadband communications between or among users no matter where the called party may be, and more particularly, to providing multi-network access and routing among a broadband Internet Protocol Telephony Network (IPTN) and a public switched telephone network to chase called parties irrespective of their geographical locations.

Regarding claim 19, the combination of Gallant, Mohammed and Kung teaches all the limitations of claim 18. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein the one or more wired network devices comprise one or more digital wired handsets for communicating with the wired data network and wherein at least one of the wired network devices is assigned the single telephone number (see col. 6, line 56 through col. 7, line13).

Regarding claim 20, the combination of Gallant, Mohammed and Kung teaches all the limitations of claim 18. The combination Gallant and Mohammed fails to explicitly teach a system, wherein the local wired connection comprises a home phoneline networking adapter connection.

Kung, however, teaches a system comprising a broadband residential gateway configured to provide one or more integrated communication interfaces to other devices within the customer premise (business, residence, government or other locations), such as televisions (TV), personal computers (PC), plain old telephone system (POTS), video phones and IP enabled phones (see col. 4, lines 23-60, Fig. 3; where a broadband residential gateway 300 including a telephone 308, IP enabled phone 316 are shown and Fig. 4; where a broadband residential gateway 300 connected to (TV) 106, personal computer 108 and telephone 110 are shown).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the system of Kung with the system of Gallant and Mohammed, to include a system, wherein the local wired connection comprises a home phoneline networking adapter connection, in order to provide a residential subscriber with both information data (for example, through an Ethernet interface), telephony access, and bidirectional TV service (for example, HDTV, Digital TV and/or CATV services) as taught by Kung (see col. 25, lines 15-25).

Regarding claim 21, the combination of Gallant, Mohammed and Kung teaches all the limitations of claim 18. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein a call directed toward the single telephone number is operative to generate a ring tone at the at least one of the one or more digital cordless handsets and at the at least one of the one or more handsets for use with the second network (see col. 3, lines 46-51 and col. 7; lines 11-13).

Regarding claim 22, the combination of Gallant, Mohammed and Kung teaches all the limitations of claim 21. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein the ring tone is generated substantially simultaneously at the at least one of the one or more digital cordless handsets and at the at least one of the one or more handsets assigned the single telephone number (see col. 3, lines 46-51, col. 7, lines 11-13 and col. 7, lines 23-25).

Regarding claim 23, the combination of Gallant and Kung teaches all the limitations of claim 18. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein the second network

comprises a public switched telephone network (see col. 6, lines 6-14 and Fig. 2; where a public switched telephone network 140 is shown).

Regarding claim 24, the combination of Gallant, Mohammed and Kung teaches all the limitations of claim 23. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein the one or more handsets operative for use with the second network comprises wired handsets connected to the public switched telephone network (see col. 5, lines 46-58, col. 6, lines 6-14 and Fig. 2; where a wireline switch 120 for connecting wireline terminals, 104, 106 & 102 and connected to a public switched telephone network 140 are shown).

Regarding claim 25, the combination of Gallant, Mohammed and Kung teaches all the limitations of claim 18. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein the second network comprises a wireless network operative to provide wireless telecommunications on regulated wireless communications frequencies (see col. 6, lines 35-40 and Fig. 2; where a wireless switch 130 for communicating with subscriber wireless terminals 110 and wired to data signaling network 160 constituting a wireless network is shown).

Regarding claim 26, the combination of Gallant, Mohammed and Kung teaches all the limitations of claim 25. Gallant further teaches a system, wherein the one or more handsets operative for use with the second network comprise wireless devices operative to communicate with the wireless network via the regulated wireless communications frequencies (see col. 5, lines 30-33, col. 5, lines 42-44 and Fig. 2; where one or more subscriber wireless terminals 110 is shown).

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony S. Addy whose telephone number is 571-272-7795. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph H. Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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September 30, 2005

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